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I ask the Arizona Corporation Commission to APPROVE the SRP and Line-Siting Committee proposals as per docket L-000008-15-0059-00170. The proposed CEC is the result of an exhaustive, two-year public process and minimizes the impact to the community by placing the bulk of the route on undeveloped land and an existing power line / railroad corridor.

My wife and I bought our home in Fox Crossing neighborhood in February 2013. One of our key criteria for buying our house was that it was not near any high-voltage power lines. The SRP Price Road Corridor project was not disclosed to us during the purchase, so we were shocked when we finally learned about it. At the time our HOA had chosen not to get involved or notify its residents of the project. We felt helpless and duped. So I educated myself on the project and got involved, rallying my neighborhood, challenging SRP at their public forums, reaching out to the City, and becoming one of the leaders of the Facebook group "Ocotillo Rd Against SRP Power Line". When Ocotillo Road was eliminated in June 2013, we were very relieved, but the leadership of our group stayed involved helping the Germann Road group get off the ground.

Although it was a rocky start to 2013, SRP did a good job of incorporating feedback from impacted citizens and the City of Chandler to improve their public process. These changes in early summer 2013 made for a thorough and open public negotiation process. SRP has ultimately done a good job of listening to the public and modifying their plans per that feedback. Their efforts with the Gila River Indian Community were complex, but achieved a win-win for both communities. The choice for the north-south route along the Arizona Avenue railroad places the line where they have traditionally been and where homeowners and buyers expect them: along existing power line corridors, open/vacant land, railroads, and canals. While no route is likely perfect, this route has the least impact to the communities of Chandler and Sun Lakes of any of the proposed routes.

Sincerely,

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